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1. On 23 December 1952, the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen was occupied to capacity by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 9:30 a.m., about 100 troops engaged in drill at squad level. Each squad included an officer. Trucks were seen en route to the installation.

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2. On 23 December, the Haupt Kaserne at the intersection of Leipziger Strasse and Knochenhauer Strasse was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Fifteen officers and about 200 EM were at training in the barracks yard. Some of the soldiers practiced on five mortars. At about 2 p.m., about 30 troops armed with rifles left the installation. Ten trucks were in front of a garage. Motor vehicles were seen en route to the installation.

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1. Comment. The 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen was last confirmed in connection with three shipments from Ohrdruf to Meiningen. In this report, the service color observed are the only indications for the presence in Meiningen of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt.

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The occupation of the Haupt Kaserne by Soviet troops is reported for the first time. The installation has been occupied by elements of a VP cadre division.

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